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POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING THE SAME**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 17, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20050803), please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement providing copies of the articles by Crowell *et al.*, Peng *et al.*, Kiss *et al.*, Perego *et al.*, Nagao *et al.*, and Hong *et al.*, in further support of Applicants' assertions of utility. Applicants respectfully request that the information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.